

**BEFORE THE STATE ELECTION BOARD
STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

FAYE H. JAMES,

Respondent.

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Case No. 2006-000024

CONSENT ORDER

The State Election Board ("Board") and the Respondent, Faye H. James, in lieu of further administrative or legal proceedings, hereby enter into the following stipulations and settlement agreement for the purpose of resolving this matter with the entry of this Consent Order.

STIPULATED FACTS

1.

Respondent Faye H. James is the wife of a candidate who ran unopposed for the Georgia House of Representatives in the July 18, 2006 General Primary in Macon County. Her brother-in-law ran for the County Commission in the same election.

2.

In the days preceding the July 18, 2006 General Primary in Macon County, Respondent James assisted at least 6 voters with preparing their absentee ballots. Respondent James took possession of the ballots to mail. Respondent James was not related to the voters.

3.

None of the voters Respondent James assisted were physically disabled or illiterate. Respondent James assisted the voters by reading the ballot for the voters, marking the ballots for the voters and/or filling in the information on the Oath of Elector on the absentee ballot envelope. Respondent James did not sign the oath on any of the ballot envelopes indicating that she had assisted the voters

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1.

The Respondent violated O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385 (b) by providing assistance to voters who were not disabled or illiterate, by failing to sign the oath indicating that she had assisted the voters, and failing to mark a reason for assisting the voters.

2.

The Respondent violated O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385 (a) and O.C.G.A. § 21-2-574 when she took possession of and mailed the ballots of numerous voters to whom she was not related and/or were not physically disabled.

ORDER

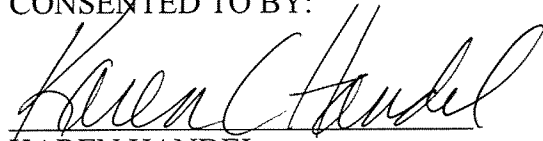
The Georgia State Election Board, having considered the particular facts and circumstances of this case, inclusive of the within and forgoing “Stipulated Facts” and “Conclusions of Law,” hereby **ORDERS**, and Respondent Faye H. James hereby agrees, to cease and desist from any further violations of O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385 and O.C.G.A. § 21-2-574. The Respondent shall pay a \$ 600 penalty for the stated violations of the State Election Code. By this Order, the Respondent is hereby reprimanded for her conduct.

This Consent Order, inclusive of its Stipulations and Order, shall not become effective unless and until approved by the Georgia State Election Board. If not agreed to, approved by, and executed on behalf of, the Georgia State Election Board, neither stipulation nor any other part of this agreement shall have any binding legal effect whatsoever and shall not constitute an admission against interest or prejudice the ability of either the Board or Respondent to adjudicate this matter.

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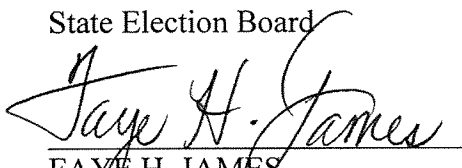
SO ORDERED this 30th day of June, 2008.

CONSENTED TO BY:



KAREN HANDEL

State Election Board



FAYE H. JAMES

Respondent

Patricia D. English (as to Faye H. James)

Notary Public

My Commissions Expires 4-10-2010